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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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### Period for Reply

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  - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
  - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-43 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)     | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's affidavit filed January 5, 2006 has been considered by the examiner and has overcome the prior art teachings of Novel's Digitalme and the rejection has been hereby withdrawn. The examiner has identified prior art that meets the applicant's claim language and a rejection of the claims has been issued.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nielsen, U.S. Patent 6,006,333.

As per claim 1, it is taught by Nielsen of a method of managing and linking a user's personal authentication credentials data over a network, comprising the steps of: registering the user with a secure system; creating a personal homepage and personal database for the user by the system; inputting the user's authentication credentials for a

plurality of third parties into the personal database; linking to one of the plurality of third parties by the user; retrieving and securely transmitting appropriate authentication credentials for the one of the plurality of third parties by the system; and logging the user onto the one of the plurality of third party sites (col. 2, lines 12-37).

As per claims 2 and 15, Nielsen discloses of registering comprises inputting master authentication credentials into the system by the user (col. 1, lines 63-66 and col. 2, lines 35-37).

As per claims 3 and 16, Nielsen teaches that the master credentials include a unique user name and a unique password (col. 1, lines 63-66).

As per claims 4 and 17, it is disclosed by Nielsen of inputting authentication credentials for a plurality of third parties is performed by the user (col. 1, lines 58-66 and col. 2, lines 12-20).

As per claims 5 and 18, Nielsen teaches of inputting authentication credentials for a plurality of third parties is performed by the system (col. 2, lines 15-27).

As per claims 6 and 19, Nielsen discloses that the personal homepage contains authenticated links to the plurality of third parties (col. 2, lines 27-37).

As per claims 7 and 20, it is taught by Nielsen of linking comprises the step of clicking on a link to one of the plurality of third parties resident on the personal homepage (col. 2, lines 27-37).

As per claims 8 and 21, it is disclosed by Nielsen wherein the step of linking comprises going to a third party Web site by the user; clicking, by the user, on an icon representing the system; inputting authentication credentials for the third party into the

personal database by the user; and linking to the third party Web site by the system (col. 1, lines 63-66 and col. 2, lines 12-15).

As per claims 9 and 22, Nielsen teaches of linking comprises the step of clicking on a third party icon on the personal homepage (col. 2, lines 12-22).

As per claims 10 and 23, it is disclosed by Nielsen wherein the step of linking comprises the steps of inputting, by the user, information about a third party Web site into system; requesting, by the user, the system to search for the third party Web site; and finding, by the system, the third party Web site and presenting a link to the third party Web site to the user (col. 1, lines 63-66 and col. 2, lines 18-24 & 35-37).

As per claims 11 and 24, it is taught by Nielsen wherein the step of retrieving and securely transmitting comprises the steps of opening a new browser window by the system; transporting user authentication credentials to the third party Web site by the system; and inputting the authentication credentials to the third party Web site (col. 4, lines 28-35).

As per claim 12, Nielsen discloses that the system encrypts the user authentication credentials (col. 2, lines 12-15).

As per claim 13, Nielsen teaches that the personal database contains personal data that is not authentication credentials (col. 5, lines 40-47).

As per claim 14, it is disclosed by Nielsen of a method of creating business incentives during e-commerce comprising the steps of registering a user with a secure system; registering a third party merchant as a participating merchant with the system; creating a personal homepage and personal database for the user by the system;

inputting the user's authentication credentials for a plurality of third parties, including at least one participating merchant, into the personal database; linking to the at least one participating merchant by the user; retrieving and securely transmitting appropriate authentication credentials for the at least one participating merchant by the system logging the user onto the at least one participating merchant; purchasing a product by the user from the at least one participating merchant; and receiving, by the system, compensation from the participating merchant (col. 2, lines 12-37 and col. 4, lines 28-35).

As per claim 25, it is taught by Nielsen that the step of purchasing a product includes obtaining proprietary information from the third party Web site (col. 4, lines 28-35).

As per claim 26, Nielsen discloses wherein compensation is a percentage of a price of the product purchased (col. 4, lines 28-35).

As per claim 27, Nielsen teaches wherein compensation is based upon the online visit, and/or products purchased, and/or services purchased (col. 4, lines 28-35).

As per claims 28,32,36, and 40, it is disclosed by Nielsen of the user that goes from the third party/merchant to a second third party/merchant site, initiating an authentication process, retrieving from the system and/or third party/merchant site and securely transmitting by the system and/or third party/merchant site appropriate user authentication credentials for the second third party/merchant site and logging the user into the second third/merchant site (col. 2, lines 12-27).

As per claims 29,33,37, and 41, it is taught by Nielsen that the system and/or third party site encrypts the user authentication credentials (col. 2, lines 12-15).

As per claims 30,34,38, and 42, Nielsen discloses that the authentication process includes personal data that is not authentication credentials (col. 5, lines 40-47).

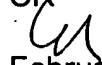
As per claims 31,35,39, and 43, it is disclosed by Nielsen that the user accesses the system and/or third party sites using a device capable of accessing the network (col. 2, lines 12-23).


### ***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher A. Revak whose telephone number is 571-272-3794. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 6:30am-3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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